



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**POW-MIA Recognition Day**

**WHEREAS**, POW-MIA Recognition Day honors the sacrifices of American service members who suffered or still suffer in captivity while on active duty, or who were or remain Missing In Action; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of United States service members have been or remain classified as MIA, including nearly 1,700 Americans from the Vietnam War, approximately 8,000 from the Korean War, 120 from the Cold War, more than 78,000 from World War II, one MIA in Iraq, and one POW in Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Government should continue the quest to fully account for every service member classified as MIA and we honor all former POWs; and

**WHEREAS**, United States service members continue to serve at significant personal risk and we have profound gratitude for the courage, determination and resolve of POWs and MIAs, and remain mindful of their families, friends and fellow veterans who continue to wait for a resolution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2011 as POW-MIA Recognition Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State